

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

With the Opening of Spring Work
Should be Commenced.

THE BILL BOARD NUISANCE

Astoria Should Have a Civic Improvement League to Beautify the City and Make It Presentable for the Thousands of Visitors.

With the advent of spring there will be work for the Astoria Civic Improvement League. There will be thousands of eastern visitors here and the public thoroughfares should be put in a condition to make a presentable appearance. Old rookeries should be torn down, yards cleaned up and the city generally renovated. The observation of the Biblical writer that "of the making of books there is no end" is of equal force when applied to the making of organizations for the promotion of public good. Organized effort has so multiplied that the average man has been confused and burdened by the appeals for assistance and support which it makes.

The man who makes one organization flourish where two grew before deserves to rank as a public benefactor; therefore, to twist somewhat the philosopher's reference to the propagation of grass.

An organization which represents the consolidation of two organizations by the same token should have an especial appeal to the American public, and such a body is found in the American Civic Association. This association marks a distinct epoch in American development—the coming of the time when the reign of the almighty dollar is to be disputed by the love of beauty, which has heretofore remained dormant in the hearts of our people.

"Two of the largest and most active and most practical of general improvement associations have been in session during the week in St. Louis. They are associations which not only think, talk and write for betterment, but which also plan, work and fight for betterment; militant, diplomatic associations, which achieve results by concentrating their energies at opportune times.

"The scope of their mission includes almost every ideal outside of the domain of politics proper, by the pursuit of which the conditions of life may be improved so as to add to the comfort and happiness of communities.

"All ranks of society—if there are ranks—owe appreciation to our national municipal improvement associations for material advancement, cultivation of a regard for the beautiful in public work and propagation of fine civic patriotism in all the big cities and many of the smaller cities. These associations have educated municipalities to the possibilities for systematic betterment which exist everywhere and which have been ignored persistently and conscientiously in the rapid and disorderly growth that is characteristic of American settlements, irrespective of size or location or resources."

Inspiring is the American Civic Association's report from Cleveland. That city has just adopted a comprehensive building code, which will well repay the study of those who are interested in, or charged with the duty of looking after, the erection and sanitary conditions of buildings. But the most significant provision is the one relating to signboards. This declares all signboards and billboards now or hereafter erected on any residence street within 200 feet of any park, boulevard, or driveway (except on one-sheet boards for advertising premises that are for sale) to be nuisances, and the inspector of buildings is given power to abate them. Moreover, the code provides that "no sign, signboard, or billboard shall be placed upon any public property, nor shall any such sign or billboard, inclusive of placards, be fixed or placed upon any building so as to project beyond the street line," without an official permit. An officer of the association declared: "This legislation (made possible by the Ohio municipal code of 1902) places Cleveland well to the front in combating the growing billboard evil. We do not recall any other city, except Boston, that has gone so far in restricting its growth. This action should lend encouragement to other cities that are seeking to abate similar nuisances, and points the way.

Charter Vetoed.

Salem, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today returned the As-

toria charter bill with his veto. The grounds of the veto were similar to the veto of the charter two years ago. The veto was made a special order for today at 2 o'clock. The charter bill as vetoed was returned to the senate, where there is no doubt of its passage. It will then go to the house where the principal fight will be made. A poll of the house indicates that it will pass over the governor's veto. There is a strong opposition to the actions of the governor in vetoing several bills antagonistic to measures introduced by republicans.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A Number of Inquiries from Intending Settlers Received and Acted Upon. The regular meeting of the chamber of commerce was held last evening. In the absence of President Welch, J. G. Palmberg presided. A large number of communications were received from eastern people making inquiries about the price of lands, the chances for investment and business opportunities. The letters were referred to the proper committees.

Reports of committee on advertising the resources of Clatsop county was made and the suggestions adopted. The matter was referred to the committee to compile statistics and report at the next meeting.

The resolution changing the time of holding the meetings from the second and fourth Mondays to the first and third Mondays, was adopted.

There being no further business the chamber adjourned until next Monday night. It is expressly desired that a large attendance be present as matters of importance will be discussed.

ELDER TO BE SAVED

Work of Building Bulkhead Started Last Week.

PART OF THE CARGO SAVED

Question of Damages to Be Settled When Damage Has Been Ascertained by the Board of Underwriters.

Underwriters say the steamer Elder can be saved. All of the freight has been removed from the forward hold, and the work of building a bulkhead around the hole in the bottom of the hull has been started. When this is completed, which will be in less than a week, the water will be pumped out of the vessel. Then an attempt will be made to float her.

Should the Elder be raised as expected, she will be taken to Portland, and the balance of the cargo will be discharged at the Alaska dock. She will then be placed on the drydock at St. Johns, when it will be possible to learn the extent of her damages. If the cost of making the repairs would exceed half the estimated value of the vessel the underwriters would become her sole owners. But if she can be put in good condition for less than half her value the ownership of the steamer would not be changed. In either case, it is very probable that she will be fixed up for service. In the event that the insurance people should take her, she will undoubtedly be sold to the highest bidder.

Three weeks ago last night the Elder ran on a rock about 40 miles below Portland while en route to San Francisco. She immediately sank to a point below the main deck, and has been lying in the same position ever since that date. Big quantities of freight have been removed from her and sold at whatever prices it will bring. While much of the goods escaped any great amount of damage, the greater portion is wholly valueless. This is particularly true of rolls of print paper with which she was partly loaded.

Marine News.

There were very few movements along the water front yesterday, although the bar was reported smooth.

The steamer Columbia arrived in yesterday morning with passengers and freight for Astoria.

The steam schooner Aberdeen arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with freight and passengers for Astoria.

The steamer Homer left out yesterday for Coos Bay and Eureka with passengers and freight.

The James B. Stevens, which struck a snag Saturday night near Puget Island was floated off yesterday and sustained very little damage.

JOHN PAUL JONES

President Favors Erecting Monument to Memory.

ALSO ONE FOR JOHN BARRY

The Sum of \$35,000 Asked of Congress to Erect Monuments to Commemorate the Achievements of Commanders.

Washington, Feb. 13.—President Roosevelt transmitted a report to congress today embodying the report of Ambassador Porter concerning the efforts to locate Admiral John Paul Jones, and urges the erection of a monument for both Paul Jones and John Barry to emphasize the value set by the American people upon the achievements of the prominent naval commanders in our war for independence. President Roosevelt informs the work of Ambassador Porter and recommends that congress appropriate \$35,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to conduct the search for John Paul Jones, whose body is supposed to have been interred in an abandoned cemetery at St. Louis. It is claimed that the body was buried there in 1792.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist."

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